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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-41 (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a memory configured to store a plurality of codes, each code being associated with an operation;

a radio frequency tag reader configured to read a code from the radio frequency tag;

a radio interface configured to transmit and receive data in a network; and

a controller configured to determine whether the read code corresponds with any of the plurality of codes stored in the memory, and when the read code corresponds with any of the plurality of codes stored in the memory, to perform an operation associated with the corresponding stored code and when the read code does not correspond with any of the plurality of codes stored in the memory, to control the radio interface to transmit a message to a remote destination via the network, wherein the message comprises an action code field comprising at least ~~remote destination is dependent upon~~ the read code and wherein the message is configured to initialize an action.

43. (Canceled)

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44. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the radio interface is configured to receive instructions from a first destination for performing an operation at the apparatus.

45. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the radio interface is configured to receive instructions from a second destination, for performing an operation at the apparatus.

46. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the apparatus further comprises a docking port configured to receive a device, the device comprising the radio frequency tag, and a switch configured, when the docking port receives the device, to signal to the radio frequency tag reader to perform a read operation.

47. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 46, wherein the radio frequency tag reader is configured to read a code from the radio frequency tag only in response to the docking port receiving the device.

48. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the performance of the operation causes the apparatus to send an email.

49. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 48, wherein the controller is configured to request approval from a user to send the email, before it is sent.

50. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 49, wherein the controller is configured to provide the user with an opportunity to amend the email, before it is sent.

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51. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the performance of the operation causes that apparatus to open a browser at a predetermined IP address.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 46, wherein the docking port is arranged to enable a plurality of devices to be docked in the docking port simultaneously.

54. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 53, wherein the controller is configured to perform an operation in response to a plurality of devices being docked in the docking port simultaneously.

55. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

reading a code from a radio frequency tag;

determining whether the read code corresponds with a stored code; and

performing, when the read code corresponds with a stored code, an operation associated with the corresponding stored code and when the read code does not correspond with a stored code, transmitting a message to a remote destination via the network, wherein the message comprises an action code field comprising at least remote destination is dependent upon the read code, and wherein the message is configured to initialize an action.

56. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:

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a display; and

a memory configured to store first information;

wherein the controller is configured, in response to the reading of the code from the radio frequency tag when the first information is displayed on the display, to activate a secrecy mode by concealing the first information, such that the first information is inaccessible by an unauthorized user.

57. (Canceled)

58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 56, wherein the controller is configured, if the radio tag is read when the apparatus is in the secrecy mode, to control the display to provide a user with an option to reveal the first information, such that the first information is accessible by an unauthorized user.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, further comprising:

displaying second information; and

activating, in response to reading the code from the radio frequency tag, a secrecy mode by concealing the displayed second information, such that the second information is inaccessible by an unauthorized user.

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62. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine for performing operations, the operations comprising:

reading a code from a radio frequency tag;

determining whether the read code corresponds with a stored code; and

performing, when the read code corresponds with a stored code, an operation associated with the corresponding stored code and when the read code does not correspond with a stored code, transmitting a message to a remote destination via the network, wherein the message comprises an action code field comprising at least remote destination is dependent upon the read code, and wherein the message is configured to initialize an action.

63. (Previously presented) A program storage device as claimed in claim 62, wherein the message includes the read code.

64. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the memory is configured to store a macro and the performance of the operation associated with the corresponding stored code is the performance of the macro.

65. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the message includes the read code.

66. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the remote destination is a remote designated server, wherein the controller is configured to control the radio

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interface to directly transmit the message to the designated server, and wherein the designation of the server is performed in response to the read code.

67. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 66, wherein at least a part of the read code is used to select the remote server.

68. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the apparatus is a portable communication apparatus.

69. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the performance of the operation associated with the corresponding stored code is the performance of a stored macro.

70. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the message includes the read code.

71. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the transmitting of the message to the remote destination further comprises directly transmitting the message to a designated is-a-remote server, and wherein the designation of the server is dependent upon the read code.

72. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 71, wherein at least a part of the read code is used to select a remote server.

73. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, comprising receiving instructions from a first destination for performing an operation at the apparatus.

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74. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, comprising receiving instructions from a second destination for performing an operation at the apparatus.

75. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the radio frequency tag is comprised within a device and wherein docking the device activates a switch configured to signal the radio frequency tag reader to perform a read operation.

76. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 75, wherein the code is read from the radio frequency tag only in response to the docking of the device.

77. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the performance of the operation causes the sending of an email.

78. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 77, wherein approval from a user is requested to send the email, before it is sent.

79. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 78, wherein the user is provided with an opportunity to amend the email, before it is sent.

80. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 55, wherein the performance of the operation causes a browser to open at a predetermined IP address.

81. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

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an apparatus comprising: a memory configured to store a plurality of codes, each code being associated with an operation; a docking port configured to receive a device; a radio frequency tag reader configured, in response to the docking port receiving the device, to read a code from the radio frequency tag; a radio interface configured to transmit and receive data in a network; and a controller configured to determine whether the read code corresponds with any of the plurality of codes stored in the memory, and when the read code corresponds with any of the plurality of codes stored in the memory, to perform an operation associated with the corresponding stored code and when the read code does not correspond with any of the plurality of codes stored in the memory, to control the radio interface to transmit a message to a remote destination via the network, wherein the message comprises an action code field comprising at least remote destination is dependent upon the read code, and wherein the message is configured to initialize an action; and

a device comprising: a casing configured to be received by the docking port of the apparatus; a memory configured to store the code; and a radio frequency tag configured, in response to the reception of the casing by the docking port, to transmit the stored code to the apparatus.